

# Ten Common Objectives For The Aycock Neighborhood

The following ten common objectives were derived from the issues and ideas generated by Aycock residents and listed above under “What’s Good” and “What’s Not So Good” about the Aycock neighborhood. These objectives were presented in draft form at the second community input meeting held at St. Leo’s Community Center on June 10, 2003. They were then edited to reflect comments received from the public at that meeting. These objectives are to be employed to guide choices among possible actions to improve the Aycock neighborhood. In the future, they will also become important in evaluating development proposals as they arise.

1. **Gateway to the Downtown**--Strengthen the relationship of the neighborhood to downtown Greensboro. Enhance Summit Avenue in particular, as an attractive gateway to the City Center. Redevelop the Murrow Boulevard cloverleaf to provide for a better connection between the neighborhood and the downtown and create a new mixed-use center.
2. **New Summit Avenue Corridor**—Improve Summit Avenue to reduce its influence as a neighborhood divider. Work to clean up the appearance and function of properties adjoining the right of way. Encourage appropriate land use, architecturally compatible buildings, and attractive parking areas, signage, lighting and landscaping.
3. **Neighborhood Identity**—Employ neighborhood entry signs at strategic locations to announce and affirm the Aycock Neighborhood as a distinct community within the larger city. Replace standard street signage with “period” signage.
4. **Historic Architecture and Scale**--Preserve the historic architecture and scale of Aycock. Encourage a compatible blend of old and new structures. Include wide, functional front porches in residential structures. Seek compatible, sympathetic designs for commercial structures.
5. **Walkable Neighborhood**--Preserve and enhance a pedestrian-friendly environment. Maintain and improve upon the network of neighborhood sidewalks. Increase opportunities for safe, attractive crosswalks of major streets, such as Summit and Yanceyville.
6. **Canopy of Trees**--Protect existing trees. Encourage the planting of additional trees for future generations, particularly street trees (assuming no hazard). Relocate or bury overhead power lines away from the canopies of street trees.
7. **Location of Land Uses**—Focus commercial activities along Summit Avenue, but do not preclude some stretches of residential. Preserve the generally quiet residential character of neighborhood streets, with emphasis on single-family homes. Allow for compatibly designed multi-family housing on a case-by-case basis.

8. **Quality of Rental Properties**—Respect the architecture of the original structure. Provide for adequate parking when creating additional residential units. Clamp down on property owners who do not maintain their properties.
9. **Neighborhood Amenities**--Preserve and enhance the appearance and proper use of major neighborhood amenities, particularly War Memorial Stadium, the Farmers Market, Sternberger Park, and Aycock School.
10. **Safety and Security**—Step up law enforcement activities, particularly during late night hours, to discourage thefts, vagrancy, drug dealing, speeding on neighborhood streets, and motorcycle racing on Summit Avenue. Remove the Executive Center from the area.